

# RECORD COMMUNICATION

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TO:

US EPA RECORDS CENTER REGION 5

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DATE

8-20-79

TIME

Jon McPhee



Steve Shakman

SUBJECT

Call from Minnesota Attorney General's Office concerning St. Louis Park.

## SUMMARY OF COMMUNICATION

Steve called me with an answer to a question I had concerning the ability of Minnesota municipalities to issue bonds for pollution control facilities without obtaining previous voter approval. His research indicates the only operative limit with respect to this type of facility is on the total amount of outstanding bond indebtedness. With respect to disposal problems of the sort present at the Reilly Tar & Chemical Company facility, the municipality may levy taxes and issue bonds without voter approval. Also the city charter allows bypassing of a referendum for this sort of funding. Steve also indicated that the city has approximately 7 million dollars in bonding capacity at this point over and above its existing obligations. It should therefore be able to fund at least a portion of the cleanup of the Reilly site.

I told him that we had not as yet assigned an attorney to the Reilly case. It was agreed at the Minnesota RCRA meeting that U.S. EPA would work on this facility due to a variety of impediments to State action.

## CONCLUSIONS, ACTION TAKEN OR REQUIRED

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